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SUBJECT: OAU RESOLUTIONS ON DETENTE, DAVIS NOMINATION

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1. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF QUOTE FROM SECRETARY'S LETTER IN REUTERS REPORT OF MALECELA FEB 25 REMARK THAT DAVIS, IF CONFIRMED, WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TASK, MEDIA HERE HAVE SO FAR IGNORED OAU CONCENSUS RESOLUTION AND SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO ETEKI. "LESOTHO SALVO CONDEMNING DETENTE WITH SOUTH AFRICA," HOWEVER, WAS IN HEADLINES FEB 24 WHEN PRESS REPORTED MIN STATE SILWIZYA RESPONSE, UPON RETURN FROM ADDIS, TO KATSOKOANE STATEMENTS AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

2. SILWIZYA REPORTED TO HAVE SAID GRZ "VERY UPSET" ABOUT KATSOKOANE ATTACK, THE THIRD SUCH ATTACK BY LESOTHO IN RECENT WEEKS; FIRST HAD BEEN AT JANUARY DAR OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECOND AT KINSHASA AAI AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

"IT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE TALKS (WITH SOUTH AFRICA)....AND FEEL WE REGARD THEM AS INCOMPETENT TO HELP." SINCE LESOTHO FOLLOWS POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, "IT SURPRISING THEY ACTED CONTRARY TO SOUTH AFRICA'S WISHES." ZAMBIA, HE SAID, NOT CONDONING APARTHEID BY TALKING TO PRETORIA; THIS COULD HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR AT ADDIS, BUT (ACCORDING TO ONE VERSION) THERE WERE FEARS A REPLY BY ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA WOULD LEAD TO PEN CONFRONTATION. (ACCORDING TO ANOTHER VERSION, SILWIZYA SAID ZAMBIA HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO DEFEND ITSELF AT ADDIS.) ALGERIA HAD INTERVENED WITH PROPOSAL FOR MID-APRIL EXTRAORDINARY OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION AND DENTENTE IN PARTICULAR. PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND GRZ HAD NOW TAKEN STEPS TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT.
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